

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of: Kim, et al. | ) |                            |
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| Serial No.: To Be Determined      | ) |                            |
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| For: Devices for Forming and/or   | ) |                            |
| Maintaining Connections Between   | ) |                            |
| Adjacent Anatomical Conduits      | ) |                            |
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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please enter this preliminary amendment concurrently with filing of the accompanying divisional application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are listed in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.